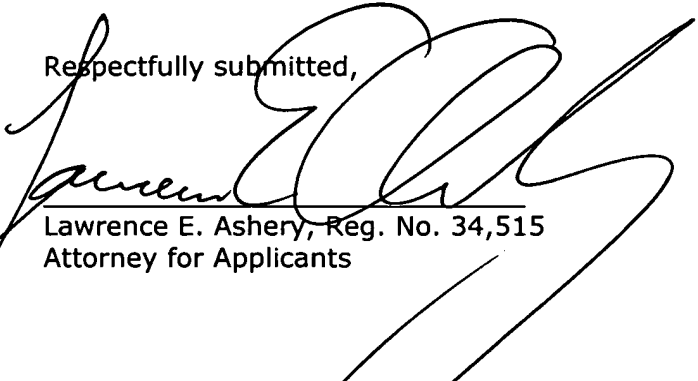


- (a) pressurizing the paste in a paste storage disposed in the squeegee head;
- (b) accommodating the pressurized paste in a paste cell having an opening at a lower face of the paste cell, and bringing the paste into contact with a surface of the mask plate; and
- (c) shearing the paste flowing down along a contacting face with a paste-shearing member disposed in the cell and having vertical faces contacting with the pressurized paste.

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